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Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellow fever—Sanitary force increased.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, October 2, as follows:

Week ended September 29, 1906.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	9
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued	6
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	543
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected	226
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	275
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected	16
Immune certificates issued	31
Health certificates issued for New Orleans	24
Pieces of baggage inspected	50
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing	5

Six new cases of yellow fever, with 2 deaths, were reported during the week. Two of these cases were from Guanabacoa, which is a town located across the bay of Habana. I learned that one of the cases was discovered in the general wards of Covadonga Hospital and that no precautions in the case had been taken.

In none of the cases could the source of infection be traced. It is evident that the disease is spreading, and that unknown foci of infection are scattered over the city of Habana, and in two suburbs, Guanabacoa and Vedado.

I am informed that the sanitary forces in Guanabacoa have been increased and that medical inspectors are inspecting daily the non-immunes in and around the suspected districts.

The fumigating and oiling forces in Habana, which at the beginning of the month had been decreased, were also increased, so that there are now 150 men in the fumigating brigades; 110 men compose the oiling forces and 30 men are for cleaning of ditches and making drains.

A list of the cases reported during the period covered by this report follows:

A. B., aged 36 years; Spaniard; resident of Habana four months; taken sick September 15; entered hospital Covadonga September 20; died September 24; diagnosis confirmed by autopsy and reported September 24, 1906.

A. G., aged 24; Spaniard; resident of Guanabacoa; four months in Cuba; taken sick September 20; reported as a case of yellow fever September 24; died September 29, 1906.

S. A. F., aged 17; Spaniard; resident of Guanabacoa; nine months in Cuba; taken sick September 23; reported yellow fever September 26, 1906.

J. M. V., aged 20; Spaniard; resident of Habana; two months in Cuba; taken sick September 21; reported yellow fever September 27, 1906.

B. S. N., aged 6 years; Cuban; resident of Habana all her life; reported yellow fever September 27.

A. F., aged 18 years; Spaniard; resident of Vedado, a suburb of Habana; seven years in Cuba; taken sick September 24; reported yellow fever September 29, 1906.

The fatal case of yellow fever at Cruces, Santa Clara Province, which was reported to the Bureau by cable on the 22d instant, is believed to have been contracted in Habana, where the patient spent four days prior to returning to Cruces. This case was that of a Spaniard, aged 35 years, for two months a resident in Cuba.

October 5. One new case yellow fever Habana reported to-day.